

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A trocar assembly comprising:  
  
an obturator defining a longitudinal axis and having first and second ends,  
  
a sharpened tip positioned on the first end of the obturator and a hand grip  
  
positioned on a second end of the obturator opposite the first end, and a cushioned  
  
member positioned on at least one pressure contact surface of the hand grip.
2. A trocar assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the cushioned  
  
member is formed from a thermoplastic elastomer.
3. A surgical instrument according to Claim 2, wherein the cushioned  
  
member is over-molded onto the hand grip.
4. A trocar assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the cushioned  
  
portion is formed from an elastomeric material.
5. A trocar assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the cushioned member  
  
is secured to the hand grip with an adhesive.
6. A trocar assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the cushioned member  
  
is secured to the hand grip by welding.
7. A trocar assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the cushioned  
  
member is formed from a slip resistant material.
8. A trocar assembly according to Claim 4, wherein the elastomeric  
  
material is selected from the group consisting of isoprene, nitrile and silicon.
9. A trocar assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the hand grip is

formed from a thermoplastic material and the cushioned member is formed from an elastomeric material.

10. A trocar assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the cushioned member is over-molded onto the hand grip.

11. A trocar assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the hand grip is formed from a thermoplastic material and the cushioned member is formed from an elastomeric material.